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Dear Partner,

INVITATION: FANRPAN Partners' Meeting, Agriculture Research Council Campus, Silverton, Pretoria 24th June 2009

I write to invite you to this year's FANRPAN Partners Meeting, scheduled for 24 June at our offices in Silverton, Pretoria. This is the second year that we are holding this important meeting, an opportunity for us to share our current programmes and future plans with existing and prospective partners. Similar to last year, the convener of the meeting is the FANRPAN Board Chair, Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya who is also the Secretary General of COMESA.

In this year's programme, apart from FANRPAN only presenting its programmes, we will avail an opportunity to our partners to briefly share their programmes and areas of focus going forward. This will benefit us in terms of strategic alignment, and the donor community to also compare strategies and focal areas amongst themselves. This change has been necessitated by feedback from the evaluation of last year's meeting.

The 2009 meeting is the second after our AGM of 2007 in Lusaka where stakeholders endorsed our Strategic and Business Plans. Since then; FANRPAN has benefited immensely from candid feedback and wise counsel from our development partners, forming the basis of continuous improvement of our network. We would like this to continue and we believe the Partners Meeting should evolve into the forum for this.

For planning purposes, I would like to invite all our partners to confirm their availability by the 15th of June.

For any clarification or any special requirements, please feel free to liaise directly with me. I look forward to your favourable responses, and thank you in anticipation.

Sincerely,

Lindiwe Majele Sibanda (PhD)
Chief Executive Officer / Head of Mission